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The question is will we be better off?

I am an avid Microsoft developer for many years. There is a reason for choosing Microsoft and that is they are the best game in town and always have been. They make it possible for me to develop products for my clients that make their computers usable. Their products put us in the lead. If I had to develop the same products using Sun the cost to my client's would be much higher.

This battle between Microsoft, Netscape, Sun, Oracle is nothing but a bunch of overgrown kids wanting to be the best. You cannot tell me that this antitrust will be over once we punish Microsoft. Downgrading Microsoft at this time will create a vacuum were these other companies can move into. That's what they want. They can't do it in the market place so they are letting the government do their work for them. Don't put your antitrust arguments away cause you will need them again. The end result will be a software industry in ruins. Want examples just look at the airline industry and the telephone industry and tell me we have done well. Have they made it easier for me to fly and make phone calls. What a mess.

Lets stop this now cause your wasting my tax dollars and lets move on. As long as Microsoft returns their profits back into our society through better products and charity, keep their prices and license cost within reason then let it be.

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